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Case No. N0169US


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MICHAEL WEILAND et al.)
)
Serial No. 10/620,732) Group: 3663
)
Title: METHOD OF REPRESENTING)
ROAD LANES) Examiner:
) TUAN C. TO
Filed: July 16, 2003)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT dated December 8, 2005.

On December 29, 2005, the undersigned spoke to Examiner To by telephone to discuss the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT dated December 8, 2005. The notice indicated that Applicant's election, mailed September 15, 2005, was non-compliant because it failed to elect either species IA or IB as required in the restriction requirement mailed September 6, 2005. In the telephone conversation on December 29, 2005, the undersigned pointed out that Applicant chose species III in the election mailed September 15, 2005 and that the election required Applicant to choose between species IA and IB only if species I were elected.

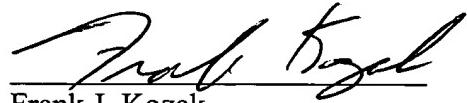
In the telephone conversation, the Examiner acknowledged that Applicant's election of September 15, 2005 was compliant. The Examiner indicated that he would

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send a confirmation of the telephone conversation indicating that the notice of non-compliance would be withdrawn.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication to withdraw the notice of non-compliance. Applicant confirms the election of species III and identification of Claims 1-16 and 22-25 as reading on the elected species.¹

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ In the event the Examiner persists in requiring an election between species IA and IB, even though Applicant has elected species III, Applicant provisionally elects species IA, with traverse. This provisional election does not affect the identification of claims associated with the election.